



Rotary Club of Wallowa County

A CENTURY OF SERVICE/A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

Nov/Dec 2004

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Board Meeting -December 7th

To be added to the December board agenda please contact Amy Johnson at 886-2871 or Email: jajohnson@uci.net.

Senior Meal Site Dates

Friday November 19th
 Thanksgiving Dinner
 Friday March 25th
 Easter Dinner

President's Message

November 2004 ~ *The Rotarian*

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we look back on Rotary's first 100 years of service, we can celebrate the great milestones and turning points that have defined our organization. One of Rotary's most significant developments was the creation of The Rotary Foundation of RI, whose programs and projects have brought dignity and hope to millions of people around the world.

The Rotary Foundation started as the dream of one man – Past RI President Arch Klumph. In 1917, he proposed an endowment fund with the express purpose of “doing good in the world.” But despite his enthusiasm, the idea did not immediately take off. The first contribution was in the modest amount of US\$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., USA. It wasn't until 1947 – the year of founder Paul Harris's death – that Rotarians began contributing large amounts to honor his memory. Since then, The Rotary Foundation has provided more than \$1.4 billion in grants for projects in more than 165 countries.

I would like to thank all those Rotarians who have given so generously of their time and money. Without your support, we would not be able to fund all those programs that have improved the quality of life for so many people. Through the Foundation, Rotarians are helping to overcome hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy – the basic afflictions of the human condition that are the main obstacles to world understanding and peace.

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time to consider how you can make a meaningful contribution. The Foundation provides an effective vehicle for Rotarians to realize their own dreams of helping others. Whether it's in the form of financial support or hands-on service, everyone can participate in the programs of the Foundation. In 2001, the Council on Legislation set a goal for every Rotarian to contribute \$100 or more each year to the Annual Programs Fund. During the 2004-05 centennial year, we hope to raise a total of \$100 million through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of Rotary's first century has been PolioPlus. In August, I attended RI's Polio Summit in Delhi, India, where more than 1,300 Rotarians, health officials and government leaders (including India's president) convened to coordinate the final push to wipe out polio in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. Epidemiologists report that India is on track to stop poliovirus transmission by the end of 2004. It is only a matter of time before polio is eradicated forever, thanks to the Foundation and our global health partners. PolioPlus will serve as our lasting legacy to the world's children.

With so many pressing needs and economic challenges, The Rotary Foundation is more timely and relevant than ever before. As Arch Klumph expressed years ago, “We should think of the Foundation as being not something of today or tomorrow, but think of it in terms of years and generations to come. Rotary is a movement for the centuries.”

These are indeed prophetic words as we look forward to celebrating Rotary's first centennial. We are literally making history as we eradicate the last few cases of polio. The Rotary Foundation will continue to touch millions of lives and alleviate needless suffering. During Rotary's centennial year, let us *Celebrate Rotary* by making a personal contribution to the Foundation. Perhaps your dream – like Arch Klumph's – will change the course of Rotary history.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
 President, Rotary International

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Rotary Club of Wallowa County has contributed \$250 to the Eastern Oregon District of Boy Scouts of America. If you would like to contribute privately to the Boy Scout please contact John Turner, District Executive at (541) 963-2858 or email johnturner@eoni.com. 2301 Adams Ave, La Grande, OR

OPEN WORLD

A job well done Nancy and crew!

Under the excellent leadership of Nancy Ingram the Rotary Club of Wallowa County hosted five Russian delegates and their interpreter. The delegates were participants with the Open World Program. The Rotary committee developed an interesting and informative program concerning Wallowa County and the theme "Women in Leadership roles." The Russian delegation visited the county November 1-6, 2004 and all enjoyed the host home of Nancy Ingram.

The Open World Program committee members were: Nancy Ingram, Kathleen Negus, Claessee O'Conner, and Caryn Whatley. Thank you Ladies!

ABOUT WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS)

A World Community Service Project is born when Rotary clubs from two or more countries join together to accomplish a community service project. The WCS program links Rotary clubs needing extra help with clubs in other countries that are willing to provide funds, materials, and technical and professional assistance.

The World Community Service program was officially launched in 1967. Since then, thousands of WCS projects involving Rotarians around the world have been completed. Each year, Rotary clubs provide an estimated US\$26 million in funds and supplies.

World Community Service projects have three criteria.

- The project must be humanitarian in nature.
- Rotarians in two or more Rotary countries must be involved.
- One of the participating countries must contain the site of the project.

Eligible World Community Service projects include international projects that are:

- Listed in the WCS Projects Exchange Database
- Formed through networking at international conventions or other meetings
- Identified by Group Study Exchange teams
- Completed with pooled funds, shared donated goods, or volunteers assistance;
- Recipients of grants from the Rotary Foundation

Diane Highberger is our club's first World Community Service (WSC) Chairperson. Diane has identified three Rotary Club of Wallowa County WSC projects:

- 1) El Progreso & San Felipe, El Salvador; this project will include club financial support, grant writing, and a possible work party traveling to El Salvador September 2005.
- 2) La Paz, Mexico; this project consists of expanding a library at the orphanage. Our club has US\$1,400 set aside for projects identified by the Rotary clubs of La Paz. Diane Highberger will coordinate a work party to La Paz in 2005.
- 3) Ethiopia; District Rotary is sending Optometrists (one from Baker City) and support people: clerical, child care, and general assistants. This team will tackle various eye treatment needs.

Please contact Diane Highberger to discuss any of the projects listed above or any new project ideas you may have.

Rotary Year 2005-2006—District 5100

4	February 2005	Foundation Dinner (RI President Glenn Estess)
23	February 2005	Rotary Celebrating 100 years
16-20	March 2005	President Elect Training (PETS) SeaTac
16	April 2005	District Assembly East
21-24	April 2005	District Conference, Lloyd Center DoubleTree
17-22	June 2005	Rotary International Convention, Chicago